

NEYERS VINEYARDS

2007 Merlot ‘Neyers Ranch – Conn Valley’ – Our real Christmas present this year was word from the California Certified Organic Farmers that our Conn Valley Vineyards have been certified as organic -- the culmination of a four-year-long process. We’ll be able to note that on the label in a year or so, but for now it’s important to know that organic farming, which began for us in 1999, is now a fully integrated aspect of our 40-acre Conn Valley ranch. The 2007 vintage in the Napa Valley -- with its small crop, mild summer, and long, even ripening during harvest -- was especially attractive for Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. We were able to make a wine of complexity, depth and enormous appeal. The blend includes about 25% Cabernet Sauvignon, much like that delicious 1979 Ch. Figeac I enjoyed on New Years Eve.

